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Prince Faisal with several members Council Ministers arrived Dhahran air field 1240 May 24. Jamal Bey Husaini told Aramco official purpose visit to take oaths required for membership Council under Royal Decree 380. Party drove directly to Aramco Hospital where reception room arranged with 25 seats. Aramco TV crews covered events at air field and hospital.

Faisal first talked privately with King then left for Dammam. He followed by other members Council each speaking privately with King for few minutes. This presumed procedure for taking oath. Recognized were: Khalil Al-Sudairi, Agriculture; Mohammad Ali Ridha, Commerce; Fahd Ibn Abd Al-Aziz, Education; Fahd Ibn Saud, Defense; Abqallah Ibn Adwan, Finance; Rashad Firaun, Health; Yusuf Yasin; Khalid Abu Al-Walid; Hamzah Marzuqi, Secretary General Abd Al-Rahman Azam, Fahd Bin Safd. This only preliminary report. Believe others also took oath. Not seen but possibly present in confusion TV lights, cables, people were Abdullah Ibn Faisal, Interior; Sultan Ibn Abd Al-Aziz, Communications; Mishal Abd Al-Aziz. Muhammad Surur absent.

Occasion clears up Saudi citizenship requirement decree. Also indicates no marked change format council.

Crown Prince and party return Riyadh afternoon 24 May.

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